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SUBJECT: IEA: SLT NUCLEAR SUB-GROUP MEETING FEB 15-17

1. NUCLEAR PROGRAM REVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED ON ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT TURKEY WHICH WAS NOT REPRESENTED. TOTAL COUNTRY ESTIMATES FOR INSTALLED NUCLEAR CAPACITY IN 1985 AS SUBMITTED WAS 308 GWE. THE MTOE EQUIVALENT IS SOMEWHAT LESS THAN 450 MTOE DUE TO START UP INEFFICIENCIES IN LATEST REACTORS. DISCUSSION OF COUNTRY ESTIMATES LED TO REVISED PROJECTIONS OF LIKELY INSTALLED CAPACITY OF 235 GWE IN 1985. MAJOR COMPONENTS ARE US-125, FRG-26, JAPAN-24, SPAIN-15, CANADA-11, SWEDEN-9.4, UK-9.4, ITALY-5.4. THE REVISED ESTIMATE OF 235 GWE IS 40 GWE LESS THAN SECRETARIAT ESTIMATES USED IN WORLD ENERGY OUTLOOK.

2. REASONS FOR SHORTFALL VARY BUT ARE PRINCIPALLY REDUCED DEMAND FOR ELECTRICITY AND PUBLIC RESISTANCE TO NUCLEAR PROGRAMS FOCUSING ON CLOSING THE BACK END OF THE FUEL CYCLE. NATURAL URANIUM AND ENRICHMENT DO NOT
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APPEAR TO RESTRICT NATIONAL PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, MOST COUNTRIES' FUEL CYCLE PROJECTIONS ARE BASED ON THE HYPOTHESIS OF REPROCESSING AND RECYCLE.

3. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDED A REPORT ON THE U.S. INITIATIVE TO DEFINE THE WORLD NATURAL URANIUM RESOURCE BASE. THE NEA COMMITTEE IN CHARGE (CHAIRMAN BY THE U.S.)

WILL SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT TO THE IEA IN MAY 1978. THE
EXPERT WORKING PARTY ON CORE LIFE EXTENSION PRESENTED A
PAPER IEA/SLT(77)18 ON TECHNIQUES FOR REACTOR OPERATORS
TO ADJUST TO SUPPLY DISRUPTIONS. THE SUBGROUP DISCUSSED
POSSIBLE WORK IN RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AFTER
HEARING FROM THE IAEA, NEA, AND EEC ON THEIR PROGRAMS
IN THE AREA. THE SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE A PAPER FOR
THE NEXT MEETING ON POSSIBLE WORK IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC
INFORMATION IN THIS AREA.
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